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Descartes on Method
Philosophical treatise by
French philosopher Rene
Descartes (in French).

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Ship Money

England

Tax traditionally levied on coastal areas for support of the Navy; in 1635 extended inland by Charles I; made *casus belli* in 1637 by John Hampden of Buckinghamshire who refused to pay it; judges of the Court of Exchequer came down by seven votes to 5 on the King's side.